

FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Hong Kong Bureau--August 1985

I. GENERAL

August was an unusually dreary month, with incessant rain. Obviously not the kind of weather many congressmen and their staff had banked on when scheduling visits here. The city was inundated with congressional visitors, the most notable being Senator Dole and his wife, Senator Long, and Congressmen Rodino and Gibbons. At last count there had been something like 25 here in a 3-week period. Nearly all claimed they were here to discuss trade issues, especially the controversial Jenkins Bill on foreign textiles. ABC, however, saw all the visits in a different light. They had a film team in town to do a feature on congressional junkets, and kept seeking information from the Consulate on who was here and who was coming next. Told of this at the Country Team meeting, Consul General Levin remarked that he was so tired of it all that "we ought to give them as much help as possible." He of course went on to acknowledge that that might be a bad political decision. Fortunately, the month was not all congressmen and rain, and there were a few light moments. A young, disgruntled American tourist proceeded one afternoon into the street immediately in front of the Consulate and, in a show of protest over something, dropped his pants and revealed all. Someone suggested that perhaps he just wanted the world to see that his designer jeans were made in South Carolina. The police didn't bother to check before he was hauled away.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. The PRC-owned Hong Kong paper WEN WEI PO confirmed on the 28th that the Chinese Communist Party conference of delegates will take place in September. According to the paper, the conference will be held September 13-25. The agenda will include election of new Central Committee members, and a party plenum will then be held to decide on membership in the Politburo and Secretariat.

2. It has been 2 months since RENMIN RIBAO ceased being published in Hong Kong, replaced by the Overseas Edition. Receipt time of the regular edition, which we now obtain via air mail from Beijing, varies from 2 days to a week, with an average of around 4 days. To date we have found no faster means of getting the paper and it does not appear to be available through any local news vendors.

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3. Coverage of BEIJING REVIEW was transferred to Okinawa effective 19 August. They receive the weekly several days after publication, while receipt time here has been 7-10 days.

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4. Okinawa monitor [] TDYed at the bureau for the entire month, filling in while Tagalog monitor [] was on annual leave in the U.S. and Canada. This was [] first opportunity to work with Tagalog broadcasts since joining FBIS last spring. She did a commendable job considering the generally poor reception of many of the broadcasts out of Manila. In an effort to improve our Philippine coverage, the bureau chief will visit Manila to look into the possibility of feeding broadcasts via commercial telephone.

5. In response to a MOD request, effective 26 August the bureau started automatically forwarding to Headquarters all video tapes on which VSLs were prepared.

B. Communications

A circuit upgrade between Clark and Guam in late July appears to have improved the bureau's communications. Requests for refills, which had been averaging more than three a day before the rehome, have now fallen off to less than two a day.

C. Lateral Services

The USIS office here requested bureau assistance in obtaining copies of speeches by Soviet leader Aliyev and Kim Il-song at recent ceremonies in Pyongyang marking the 40th anniversary of the liberation of Korea. London and Seoul bureaus refiled the desired items and these were passed onto USIS, with their voicing gratitude for the "fast service."

D. Technical

1. Our Extel ASR's have been requiring more frequent repairs and maintenance to keep all units operable. C/FEB has concurred in a proposal that we lease an extra ASR from Cable & Wireless, as a means of keeping more units on line until we receive the expected IBM PC with tape cutter later this year. We have not done this yet, however, pending further evaluation of our maintenance efforts. It appears that these aging ASRs, especially the older units which are in use here, need to be replaced in the not too distant future.

2. The local Extel rep informed the bureau chief that Extel in Chicago had offered to replace two of our new Comscribe printers. He said Extel had found that some of these printers have defective chips. Following further discussions with Extel and FEB, however, the solution seemed to be to just replace the defective chips. We are awaiting the final outcome of these talks. In the meantime, the problems we experienced initially with these new printers did not continue in August.

3. The bureau's microwave system was hit by lightning during a severe thunderstorm on the 19th. There was no major damage to the system, however, as the isolation transformer, which was installed to protect against lightning, served its purpose. The system was back in operation in less than 3 hours and no radio coverage was lost.

III. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

STAT 1. New teletypists [redacted]
EODed on 13 and 19 August respectively. This brings the bureau's teletype section T/O back to normal following two resignations this summer.

STAT 2. Associate editor [redacted] resigned effective 31 August. A replacement has been selected and local medical and security clearances are now being arranged.

STAT 3. Medical problems sidelined three of our foreign national
STAT employees during the month. Monitor supervisor [redacted] and senior
STAT monitor [redacted] both had major surgery, but are recovering. [redacted] is
STAT expected to return to duty on 3 September, while [redacted] continues to
convalesce at home. Monitor [redacted] returned to duty in late
August following nearly a month's absence due to an undiagnosed
illness.

B. Buildings and Grounds

Contracts have been let on two projects which are expected to be completed in September: installation of two armor core security doors on the fire escape stairway exits and installation of cable protective conduit at Mt. Butler and on the 14th floor of St. John's Building. The conduit will house the cabling for our future microwave backup circuit.

IV. VISITS

STAT A. Okinawa Bureau monitor [redacted] on TDY 2 Aug-2 Sep.

STAT B. [redacted] DC/Research Branch, AG, for orientation,
9-13 and 22 Aug.

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Bureau Chief

Attachment: Monthly Production Report

cc: Original and 3 - Hqs

- 1 - C/Bangkok
- 1 - C/Okinawa
- 1 - C/Seoul

HONG KONG BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR AUGUST 1985

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	1073930
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	95030
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1647

BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
5355	10140	284

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

 III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
 (PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA

BEIJING INTERNATIONAL SERVICE IN TAGALOG	2240
BEIJING TELEVISION SERVICE IN MANDARIN	1390
CHANGSHA HUNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10350
CHENGDU SICHUAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	13100
GUANGZHOU GUANGDONG PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	11360
GUIYANG GUIZHOU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6000
HAIKOU HAINAN ISLAND SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9480
KUNMING YUNNAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12770
LANZHOU GANSU PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10800
LHASA XIZANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	9540
NANNING GUANGXI REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	12520
URUMQI XINJIANG REGIONAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	8050
WUHAN HUBEI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	10860
XIAN SHAANXI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	4950
XINING QINGHAI PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	6550
ZHENGZHOU HENAN PROVINCIAL SERVICE IN MANDARIN	3770
BEIJING XINHUA HONG KONG SERVICE IN CHINESE	11920
BEIJING ZHONGGUO XINWEN SHE IN CHINESE	35890

BEIJING BAN YUE TAN IN CHINESE	5970
BEIJING BAOGAO WENXUE IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING BEIJING REVIEW IN ENGLISH	2460
BEIJING BEIJING WANBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING CHINA DAILY IN ENGLISH	35160
BEIJING GONGREN RIBAO IN CHINESE	4920
BEIJING GUANGMING RIBAO IN CHINESE	41390
BEIJING GUOJI SHANGBAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING GUOJI WENTI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING HONGQI IN CHINESE	102950
BEIJING HUANQIU CHINESE	0
BEIJING JIEFANGJUN WENYI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING JINGJI GUANLI IN CHINESE	18240
BEIJING JINGJI RIBAO IN CHINESE	32820
BEIJING JINGJIXUE ZHOUBAO IN CHINESE	2670
BEIJING JINGJI YANJIU IN CHINESE	32550
BEIJING LIAOWANG IN CHINESE	24500
BEIJING LILUN YUEKAN IN CHINESE	12280
BEIJING LISHI YANJIU IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING NONGMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	610
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO IN CHINESE	104360
BEIJING RENMIN RIBAO OVERSEAS EDITION IN CHINESE	15260
BEIJING SHIJIE JINGJI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE LISHI IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING SHIJIE ZHISHI IN CHINESE	5060
BEIJING WENXUE PINGLUN IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENYI BAO IN CHINESE	0
BEIJING WENZHAI BAO IN CHINESE	0

BEIJING XINWEN ZHANXIAN IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHEXUE YANJIU IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO FAZHI BAO IN	
CHINESE	0
BEIJING ZHONGGUO QINGNIAN BAO IN	
CHINESE	2600
CHENGDU SICHUAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
CHONGQING CHONGQING RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
FUZHOU ZHONGGUO JINGJI WENTI IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU GUANGZHOU RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2160
GUANGZHOU KAIFANG IN	
CHINESE	0
GUANGZHOU NANFANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	19000
GUANGZHOU YANGCHENG WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	1080
HAIKOU HAINAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
KUNMING YUNNAN RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	540
LANZHOU LANZHOU WANBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
SHANGHAI SHIJIE JINGJI DAOBAO IN	
CHINESE	12100
SHENYANG LILUN YU SHIJIAN IN	
CHINESE	2600
TAIYUAN SHANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	2200
WUHAN CHANGJIANG RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
WUHAN HUBEI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	0
XIAN SHAANXI RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1940
YINCHUAN NINGXIA RIBAO IN	
CHINESE	1460
HONG KONG	
HONG KONG ASIA TELEVISION LTD IN	
ENGLISH	0
HONG KONG TELEVISION BROADCAST LTD IN	
ENGLISH	610
HONG KONG COMMERCIAL RADIO IN	
ENGLISH	1090
HONG KONG DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ENGLISH	470
HONG KONG AFP IN	
ENGLISH	172610

HONG KONG ASIAWEEK IN		
ENGLISH		0
HONG KONG CHANWANG IN		
CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHENG MING IN		
CHINESE		10360
HONG KONG CHING PAO IN		
CHINESE		0
HONG KONG CHIUSHIH NIENTAI IN		
CHINESE		12580
HONG KONG FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW IN		
ENGLISH		6500
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD IN		
ENGLISH		5190
HONG KONG HONG KONG STANDARD (BUSINESS STANDARD SUPPLEMENT) IN		
ENGLISH		3500
HONG KONG HSIN WAN PAO IN		
CHINESE		2850
HONG KONG KUANG CHIAO CHING IN		
CHINESE		2380
HONG KONG MING PAO IN		
CHINESE		1480
HONG KONG PAI HSING IN		
CHINESE		6250
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST IN		
ENGLISH		17180
HONG KONG SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST (BUSINESS NEWS SUPPLEMENT) IN		
ENGLISH		13650
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN		
CHINESE		3040
HONG KONG TA KUNG PAO IN		
ENGLISH		1380
HONG KONG WEN WEI PO IN		
CHINESE		6330
NEW ZEALAND		
WELLINGTON OVERSEAS SERVICE IN		
ENGLISH	4440	
WELLINGTON THE EVENING POST IN		
ENGLISH		6040
PHILIPPINES		
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
ENGLISH	17320	
MANILA FAR EAST BROADCASTING COMPANY IN		
TAGALOG	1620	
MANILA RADIO VERITAS IN		
TAGALOG	300	
DAGUPAN CITY DZDL RADIO IN		
TAGALOG	740	
QUEZON CITY MAHARLIKA BROADCASTING SYSTEM IN		
ENGLISH	27710	
MANILA BULLETIN TODAY IN		
ENGLISH		14980

MANILA BUSINESS DAY IN ENGLISH	29430
MANILA METRO MANILA TIMES IN ENGLISH	8010
MANILA PHILIPPINES DAILY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	10760
MANILA PHILIPPINES SUNDAY EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	670
MANILA TIMES JOURNAL IN ENGLISH	7700
DAVAO CITY PEOPLE'S DAILY FORUM IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY SAN PEDRO EXPRESS IN ENGLISH	0
DAVAO CITY THE MINDANAO DAILY MIRROR IN ENGLISH	0
QUEZON CITY ANG PAHAYAGANG MALAYA IN ENGLISH	4580
QUEZON CITY VERITAS IN ENGLISH	3760